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Title: SUBMICRON-LIPOSOME CONTAINING HIGHLY CONCENTRATED
TRITERPENOID AND METHOD FOR PREPARING THEREOF

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			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

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Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

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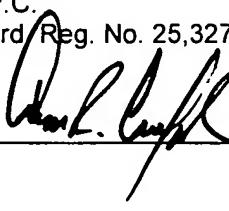
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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

This is responsive to the Official Action of July 15, 2008 in which claims 1-14, 16 and 17 have been finally rejected. The Official Action includes four separate rejections (items 2-5), three of them directed to all pending claims and the fourth directed to claim 17 only.

Applicants prepare triterpenoid-containing liposomes by (a) dispersing a triterpenoid having an acid moiety in a polyol while heating; (b) adding a base into the dispersion of step (a) thereby converting the acid group in the triterpenoid to a salt to prepare a low viscosity dispersion. Separately (c) phospholipid is dissolved in ethanol at room temperature to prepare an ethanol solution of phospholipids, then (d) adding the ethanol solution of step (c) into the dispersion of step (b) to prepare a mixture. This mixture is then (e) added to distilled water and then emulsified to prepare an emulsion; and finally (f) adding an acid to the emulsion of step (e) to convert the triterpenoid salt of step (b) back to the acid form. This results in liposomes having diameters in a range of 0.001~10 μ m and containing the triterpenoid in a range of 0.001~5% by